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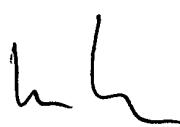
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RESPONSE A

Sir:

Responsive to the office action dated 6 June 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

SPECIFICATION

Please delete the text of pages 13-16 of the specification (translation of English text)

and at:

Page 1, between lines 3 and 4 insert:

FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, between lines 25 and 26 insert:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 9, between lines 11 and 12 insert

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGS. 1-4 are photomicrographs of surfaces of untreated hard grain (FIG. 1, 3000x), treated hard grain per the present invention (FIG. 2,3000x), surface of a lacquer coating with untreated hard grains (FIG. 3); and surface of a lacquer coating with hard grains coated via the process of the invention (FIG. 4).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In page 11, delete the title "APPENDIX", delete "In the Appendix" in line 1 and in lines 1, 3, 7 and 14 change "Illustration" to - Figure --.

A clean net copy of p. 11 as so revised is provided at Appendix A hereto.

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